Janavani Programme for the States

2104. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Information and Cultural Affairs Minister of West Bengal wrote to the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting for opening to the Ministers in the States the "Janavani" Programme; and

(b) whether the State Governments are allowed to telecast the programmes from the T.V. centres in the respective State capitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 'Janavani' programme is presently telecast over the national network of Doordarshan and can be seen in all the States of the country. The present plan is to interview the Central Ministers. After the interview of Central Ministers the programme will be reviewed and the question of extending it to States will be considered thereafter.

Development of Agro-Industries

2105. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any programme to set up agro-based industries all over the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan:

(b) whether Government are aware that lack of housing facilities for the workers/technicians prevent the growth of such industries in the rural areas;

(c) whether Government propose to provide loans at subsidised rates through banks for construction of houses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) The Five Year Development Plan for industries and agriculture include schemes for development of agro-based industries. The Seventh Five Year Plan which is under finalisation also includes schemes for these industries.

(b) Housing forms a separate programme which will be taken care in the sectoral programme and also in special programmes for certain categories of people.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Charter Permits of Fishing Companies

2106. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of charter permits or letters of intent granted for acquiring foreign fishing boats during the period from 1st September, 1984 to April 30, 1985; and

(b) the names of companies which have received these letters of intent or charter permits for bringing foreign fishing boats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) Letters of intent for chartering foreign fishing boats have been isued to 17 companies for 46 vessels during the period, from 1st September, 1984 to April 30, 1985. In the corresponding period, charter permit have been issued to two companies and one Public Sector Undertaking viz M|s Star Marine Foods (Pvt.) Ltd., Visakhapatnam (2 vessels); M|s. Leo Sea Foods Ltd., New Delhi (2 vessels) and Kerala Fisheries Development Corporation, Cochin (one vessel).